(c) whether the Government propose to stop the import of foreign films; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) 24 foreign films were imported during January to July, 1991.

(b) Rs. 48 lakhs.

(c) The Government in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting do not have any proposal to stop the import of foreign films.

(d) There is a large audience in India for foreign films. Films reflecting artistic and technical achievements from all over the world are imported with a view to encouraging creating interaction between Indian and international cinema. Besides, it is also important for Indian film markers to be familiar with the latest trends in film making in the rest of the world.

[*Translation*]

Air Station at Rourkela, Bolangir and Behrampur

4826. SHRI SRIKANT JENA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned the proposals to set up radio stations at Rourkela, Bolangeir and Behrampur; and

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard and the date by which the work would be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The transmitter and studio equipment required for establishment of Radio Stations at Rourkela and Bolangir have been received and the civil works for construction of the building have commenced. Plans have been made to make these two projects technically ready during 1992-93.

The technical area for Behrampur Radio Station is ready and installation of the equipment has been taken up. As per the present indications, the project is envisaged to be technically ready during 1991-92.

Approval to Rajghat Hydro Electric Project of Madhya Pradesh

4827. SHRI VISHWESHWAR BHAGAT: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rajghat hydro electric project of Madhya Pradesh is lying pending with the Planning Commission for approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) the time by which the approval is likely to be given;

(d) whether technical and financial clearance has already been given to the said project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e). Planning Commission has given investment approval to Rajghat Hydro Electric Project (3x15 MW) at an estimated cost of Rs. 37.47 crores on 1.8.1991. This is